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THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

MRS. A. K. ZARTMAN.

The church is a society, a formally organized body of believers, having the same faith and doctrines. It is organized upon social principles, governed by social laws, and subject to social obligations. The primitive church was organized by God Himself, and placed in the world as a center of light, to exhibit the beauties and principles of that heavenly kingdom, of which every true church is a type. To form a true conception of the church and its mission we need have no other guide than the New Testament. It is there portrayed to us in all its varied aspects.

It is a worshiping assembly, a union of hearts and voices in one anthem of praise to the Creator. It is a school of truth and life. It is a home, the very ideal of all other homes, where, (regardless of station in life, or all other considerations) hand touches hand and heart touches heart, where love and tender sympathy flow unrestrained, and where thought and care find a focus in the unfortunate and down trodden. An eminent writer has well said, "God meant his church to be the ideal home, with a warm hearth, a full board, a soft bed, a close embrace for all who come within its doors." The New Testament church was also a working center where the disciples met in order to diffuse the light, and where the service of Christ was assumed, not of necessity, but as the outcome of a new nature, and it is that organization in these days which most nearly approaches the apostolic pattern, that gives the greatest proof of divine approval and of successful work. We cannot think of a church, separate and distinct from its mission, any more than we can think of the organs of the body separate and distinct from the purpose for which they were created. The church had its origin in God, and He has also imparted unto it the purpose and possibilities of its existance. The great commission given unto the disciples "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is still the command of to-day and we, as Christians cannot escape if we would, the knowledge of our responsibility and the great aim and purpose of our existence.

If it be true that opportunity makes duty it is also true that now as never before the duties of the Christian church have been so multiplied that we are either unable or unwilling to go in and possess the land. The need for consecrated workers in our churches at home is apparent. When the streets of our cities are thronged with young mer and young women who have no higher purpose in life than to spend time frivolously. When the poor are neglected by the churches, and the rich only are sought after, then, indeed, do our needs

become apparent. That these conditions exist is only too true. We are forgetting the proof that Jesus Christ gave of His divine mission, namely: "To the poor is the Gospel preached."

In the early days of Christianity, the Gospel was received gladly by the poor and lowly, but those who are familiar with the condition of affairs to-day, especially in our cities, will know that the reverse is true. A prominent lady from one of our city churches said to us not long ago: "The poor cannot come into our large and fashionable churches to display their poverty and rags." Ah, yes! Why seek them out and invite them to our churches if they are only to be insulted by invidious distinctions and be made to feel that our approach to them is condescension? How shall we reach the poor outcasts of our cities and towns if we will not come in contact with them? Jesus Christ is the Christian's example, and he mingled with the lowliest of the low that he might lift them up and save them. The standing reproach upon those who are in possession of the Gospel and who owe so much to its uplifting power, is that they do so little to carry this same Gospel to those who are so sadly in need of its saving truths. Look at yonder dissipated young man, you will find written upon his very countenance the history of his past life. A drunken father, a Christless mother to direct his course of life, reared in a desolate and cheerless home, no benedictions of grace upon his head as he lies down at night. He knows naught but cruel treatment and curses If any of us had been subjected to such degrading effects would we to-day be good, faithful Christians? It is almost a moral certainty that if some of our well fed and well clothed church members had lived as thousands of their fellow men live, their condition would not be any better to-day than those in whose behalf we now plead.

There is most urgent need of Christ-like

condescension on the part of those who have been blessed with superior advantages. Jesus Christ came down and so must his disciples if they will rescue the lost. If the day ever comes when the majority of Christian men and women no longer seek their own ease and comfort, and when a spirit of self-sacrifice will take possession of the wealthy and intelligent members of the church so that they will not only be ready to give liberally of their means but of their time and attention, then the problem of the evangelization of our cities and towns will be solved. Let us stretch out the hand that is charged with the electric current of love to the poor man as he reluctantly enters our church doors, thus sending a thrill of joy and gladness into his soul, and with lips that utter the sentiments of true hearts, bid him welcome in the name of Christ. Let us not build our churches so fine that the carpenter's son can not enter and bid his friends welcome. "Better a tallow dip that gives light than a golden chandalier without a flame." Better the humblest church if it is redeeming mankind than the costliest cathedral from whose foundation there flows no river of God. The mission of the church is not circumscribed, it reaches across the ocean. The world is the field for the operations of the church. Do not vainly imagine that if you are keeping your own minister from starvation and supporting your own church that your duties are performed. heathen world is beckoning to us "to come and help them," and God's word says "go." 'Tis true that many church members think foreign missions do not pay, and this is true in one sense of the word. These distant benighted souls cannot recompense us for our work. We must wait for rewards until the great day of reckoning and not at any point this side. This work is put before us as the most unselfish in which we can engage, and it is the nearest in motive and spirit to that which brought the Re-

deemer into this sin-cursed world. It demands continued self-sacrifice, prevailing prayer, consecrated gifts and personal work. This work is so great that notwithstanding all that has been done, we have only just made a beginning. Listen, to a few startling truths: There are to-day more than eight hundred million souls to whom the name of Jesus Christ is unknown, and do you know that every year thirty-five millions of these pass into eternity. In China alone, taking the lowest computation there are fourteen hundred heathens dying every hour. Do you know that the moment you appear before the judgment seat of God 100 heathers will be there to say "no man hath cared for my soul." Nineteen centuries have passed away and only one-third of the population of the world are even nominally Christianized. What effect does this revelation have upon our hearts? Do we care? Christians care just this much that they average 18 cents annually for the conversion of this multitude. What can be said to arouse the sleeping conscience and create a greater enthusiasm? We cannot pick up a church paper but that our eyes rest upon appeals for funds. Our Mission Boards are constantly in need but Christians are lying back in their easy chairs and saying missions don't pay. God never intended they should pay from a worldly standpoint. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. It gives with no hope of ever receiving. Have you the spirit of missions? You cannot be a miser and a missionary at the same time. Do you say there is no need for the speedy evangelization of the world? Then you know nothing of the suffering and sorrows of those benighted souls. If you lived in Asia and should be taken sick, your companions would say you were possessed by an evil spirit and they would beat you with clubs to drive out the demon. They would separate you from your friends and put you into an out-building with scarcely

anything to eat. They would place you near a roasting fire until your skin was all blistered, then throw you into cold water, and you would be subject to all manner of persecution and torment, but since you live in Christianized America, when sickness comes you are given the pleasantest room in the house, the most skillful physician is called to administer to your needs, the daintiest food that loving hands can prepare is provided for you, the sweetest flowers that bloom are brought to your bed-side to cheer you with their fragrance. Oh! what blessings come to us through the Gospel. Pleasant homes, loving friends and all that makes life happy. Let us seek to realize in our own days of trial and sickness, what these same days mean to the suffering millions who are without God, in the world. We can have no adequate knowledge of their sorrows for they are beyond telling. Let us arise from our lethargy, resolved to do our part, cost what it may, to save the heathen world. Let us not only pray God to give us means, but consume the selfishness of our own hearts, that He may have mercy not only upon the Christless heathen but upon the Christlessness in our own midst, may He touch all our hearts with a spirit of self-sacrifice and with the inspiration of the love which He had when He came to redeem the world.

THE pastor and wife were not forgotten on their marriage anniversary, October 16th, which is also Mrs. Zartman's birthday anniversary. Many thanks to the friends who so kindly remembered us.

By THE middle of November, the glass for the new church will be placed in the windows, and by this time the money for these windows should be placed into the hands of the Treasurer, D. W. Souder. Some have already paid for their windows and others will no doubt do so in good time.

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THE pastor regrets that he could not attend the annual meeting of Synod, but he felt that the work of the church, and the matter of soliciting in the city, demanded his time at home.

WE are not yet able to give the exact date when the Ladies' Bazaar will open, but it will be a week or so before Thanksgiving. The time and place will be announced later. The one thing of most importance is for every one to give all the help possible to make it a success.

IT must not be forgotten by our people that the Treasurer of the Building Committee is all the time in need of money to pay the estimates on the new church. not postpone the payment of your subscriptions until the building is completed. You will find it much easier to pay your subscription in monthly or quarterly installments, than wait until the whole must be Besides the Building Committee must make monthly payments to the contractors, and are therefore necessitated to have funds right along. You can make payments any day to Bro. Souder, at his office at the court house. You should see him at once, and pay what you can. The next payment to our contractors will be due the 1st of Nov.

THE pastor expects to assist in a series of Gospel meetings and Communion services which will be held in the St. Paul's Reformed Church at Glenford, O., Nov. 7th to 11th. We shall be out of the city only a few days.

THE pastor received a postal card from Mr. and Mrs. Rijnhart a few weeks ago from Portland, Oregon. By this time they are likely somewhere on the Pacific Ocean on their way for China. It will be many months before we may hear from them again, possibly not until they get to Tibit.

COIN MAILING CASES.

One thousand coin cases have been provided and are now being sent out by the members of the church to their friends in the city and abroad and to the churches and Sabbath schools in our church in the various classes and synods, with the prayer and hope that they may come back well filled with offerings for our building fund.

On the leaf of the case is an inscription which speaks for itself and gives direction for its filling. We may add just a word to this inscription. Gold pieces or paper money may be placed in the case in place of silver coin. Should any persons or churches send us ten dollars in a case, this will pay in full for a pew and the name of the donor will be placed on it.

Should the readers of the VISITOR receive any of these coin cases please do not throw them into the waste basket or into the stove nor put them into a drawer for safe keeping, they might be unpleasant reminders to you in after days. Some time they might say to you: "We came to your door on an humble errand for the Master, asking but for a few crumbs for His work but you have left us empty-handed, and inasmuch as ye did this unto us, ye did it unto the Master." Place something into the case, be the offering ever so small, and return to the sender, and at all events return the case if it is empty.

CHURCH FURNITURE.

Since the issue of the September number of the THE VISITOR, our list of donors of church pews, &c., has not grown very rapidly, but we are glad to report some new contributors and we hope that by our next issue the list may be much larger.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Mrs. Conrad Neireiter, pulpit.

Unknown Friend, pulpit furniture, (complete.)

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connett, \$10 pew.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Isaac Zartman, Glenford, Ohio, \$10 pew.

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Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vining, city, \$15 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troxel, city, \$10 pew.

NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Mrs. Walters and Family, \$10 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavin and Mrs. Cary, \$15 pew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Zimmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Zimmer, \$15 pew.

Rev. and Mrs. John Retig, city, \$10 pew.

THE NEW CHURCH,

Work on the building is still progressing. The last coat of plastering is about completed. By the first of November the glass will be shipped and placed in the church, work can then be continued during the winter without interruption. Since our last issue the massive and beautiful steps have been put in place at the porches and up from the side walk to the lawn, and cement walks built to the entrances of the

church and also to the parsonage. present the grading is being done and within a few days this work will be followed with sodding all about the church and walks. The building committee is desirous of having all this work completed before winter sets in. The weather has been most favorable for this work, seemingly as proof that the Lord is with us. Within a few weeks the contract for the fresco painting must be let and also the contract for the furniture. We realize that all this will require no little amount of care and exercise of discretion and good judgment. A number of artists in the city and out of the city, are preparing designs for the fresco painting. These men come well recommended and they will have varied designs as well as varied prices for their work, and it will be a difficult task to decide who shall have the contract. No less than a dozen church furniture houses have had their agents here looking after their line of work, or have written us, asking for the privilege of sending in proposals. It will be difficult to select a church pew to please every one. To please some the church pew should be a soft, easy, reclining chair, a sort of an invalid's bed, others are not so choicy, they are satisfied if only they may have a sitting in the house of God, and within hearing distance of the pulpit. In the purchase of our furniture we shall have to be governed largely by the funds which we shall have on hand for this purpose. If the members of the church and our friends in the city and abroad will respond liberally to our earnest solicitations for \$10 and \$15 pews and in filling our coin cases then we shall be able to furnish our auditorium, not in extravagance, but in harmony and keeping with the general design and beauty of the church.

THE annual meeting of Synod in 1895 will be held in Fort Wayne, at the Grace Church.

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Sabbath School Hour, S	abbath Morning, 9:30

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

Sept.	2.	Attendance	116.	Collection	3.11
Sept.	9.	"	93.	"	2.86
Sept.	16.	"	103.	44	3.87
Sept.	23.	66.	121.	6.6	75.55
Sept.	30.	+ 6	90.	"	3.72

Total - - - - \$127.11

Sept. 2. Mrs. Miller's and Mr. Connett's class gave the largest collection; amount \$20.17, each class.

Sept. 9. Infant class gave largest collection; amount 68c.

Sept. 16. Lizzie Rudisill's class gave largest collection; amount 63c.

Sept. 23. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection; amount \$56.17.

Sept. 30. Mr. Connett's class gave largest collection; amount 95c.

Birthday collections, 70c.

New scholars enrolled during month, 3.

AT the close of last year there was a deficiency of \$150 to meet the current expenses of the church for the year. At a business meeting of the church held Thursday evening, October 4th, the matter was presented to the congregation by the pastor at the request of the Consistory, and an effort was made to liquidate this indebtedness. In a very few moments pledges were secured for \$100 of this amount. asmuch as many of the members were not at this meeting, the matter was again presented at the close of the services on the following Sabbath morning, when pledges for some \$40 more were taken. It is but just that all of our members should be allowed a hand in this work of grace, so the Financial Secretary, Mr. Charles Gumpper, has been instructed to make a canvass of the members who were not at either of these meetings. We trust that

the remainder of the membership will contribute as cheerfully and liberally as those who have already given their pledges, and that not only the amount of \$150 will be raised, but \$25 or \$50 in excess of this sum. We are quite certain the Financial Secretary will find a place for the surplus amount.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COIN CASES.

A number of Coin Mailing Cases have been sent out by members of the church, and many are already coming back well filled. We give below a statement of the cases already returned, and herewith tender our heartfelt thanks to our friends who are so kindly remembering us. The VISITOR will make acknowledgements of all the cases returned:

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Toys, Dolls, etc.,) 20 Park Place, N. Y., per
L. W. Hills. 1.34 Wooden Gutter Co., (Manufacturers of Toys,
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Selchow & Righter, (Manufacturers of Home
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J. B. White, Jr., city, per E. C. Miller
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Chaman, Smith & Co., Chicago, Ill., per C. C. Gumpper
Henry H Bond, city, per C. C. Gumpper50
A. C. & M. G. Beaver, city, per Mrs. C. H. Gump- per
H. B. Hunt, city, per Mrs. C. H. Gumpper 1.34
Mr. and Mrs. John Province, Huntington, Ind.,
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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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THE Ladies' Social and Cantata, Thursday evening, October 18th, was well attended and a success in every respect. The cantata was well rendered and well received. The net receipts of the evening will be about \$35.00.

WHEN your Coin Cases come back you should turn them over either to the pastor or Charles Gumpper, so that THE VISITOR can make a proper acknowledement of all money received and by whom it was sent.

THE canvass for the new church is now being made among the business men in this city. The pastor, assisted by the different members of the committee has been out for a number of days, and has met with very encouraging success. Our business men have had a hard year to pull through, but withall they are showing a very kind and liberal spirit toward the church. We find that our business men are not a class of old croakers and grumblers. They look upon the bright side of things and try to make the very best out of the situation, and have an encouraging word for the outlook of the future, and stand ready to give a helping hand to such projects and enterprises that will advance the best interests of the city. They feel that it is right that they should help our churches along in their work, inasmuch as our church people help them, and the churches of the city are the safe-guards of the morality and integrity of the people. It will yet take us some days to complete our canvass, but we intend to continue the work until we shall have given all an opportunity to do something for the church.

THE missionary dinner in the month of September was held at the home of Mrs. Valentine Monn, three miles north of the city. The attendance was quite large and the ladies had a very pleasant time. There were also a number of the men out to dinner and paid their quarters, but we presume if they had paid for their bill of fare in full they should have put a dollar a piece into the hat.

ARTICLE IV of the Constitution of Grace Reformed Church.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by Constitution of the Reformed Church

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Oct. 28. What Christ heals and how. Matt. 8: 5-17. Charles Segur.

Nov. 4. How to keep the Lord's Day. Mark 2: 23.28. Lizzie Rudisil.

Nov. 11. How may we preach Christ. 2 Tim. 4: 1-10. Nellie French.

Nov. 18. Some applications of the Golden Rule. Luke 6: 27-38. Eugene Mathis.

Nov. 25. Thanksgiving and thanksliving. Eph. 5: 15-20. Elder F. D. Paulus.

THE Young People's Social September 27th, netted the society \$21.00.

SAMUEL DUKEMAN has been away on a visit with friends in Ohio for a few weeks, but has returned hale and hearty.

MR. AND MRS. C. C. GUMPPER have both been away on visits with friends in the east, the former in Pennsylvania and the latter with friends in Ohio.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN FIREOBED, of Shelby, Ohio, have been visiting with their daughter, Mrs. D. W. Souder. We have been very glad to meet them and lave them in our services. They are very pleasant christian people.

HAVE you had a supply of Coin Cases to send out to your friends? If not, the pastor can supply you, and no doubt you have some friends out of the city who would cheerfully contribute something to our building fund if you would send them a case. Are you not willing to do this much for your church?

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